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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

***Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114***

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 was filed in this application after appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, but prior to a decision on the appeal. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the appeal has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114 and prosecution in this application has been reopened pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on June 1, 2004 has been entered.

**DETAILED ACTION**

This application filed March 6, 1997, is a continuation of 08/217,921, filed March 25, 1994, now US Patent 5,690,926, which is a continuation in part of 07/958,562, filed October 8, 1992, now US Patent 5,453,357.

Applicants amendment filed June 2004, have been received and entered. Claims 1-3, 5-36 have been canceled. Claims 37-44 have been added. Claims 4, 37-44 are pending and currently under examination.

***Information Disclosure Statement***

The information disclosure statement filed June 25, 2004 has been received and entered. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97.

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Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

A signed copy of the supplemental IDS is included with this action.

***Suspension***

Applicant's amendment includes a request for an interference filed under 37 CFR 1.604 and 1.607 over US Patents 6,200,806 and 5,843,780 and US application 09/982,637.

The prosecution of application number 08/813,829 has been suspended pending interference proceedings.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph Woitach whose telephone number is (571) 272-0739.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Deborah Reynolds, can be reached at (571) 272-0734.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group analyst Dianiece Jacobs whose telephone number is (571) 272-0532.

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